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SUBJ: MACHEL WARNS TROOPS AGAIN

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1. PRESIDENT SAMORA MACHEL VISITED THE POLITICAL-MILITARY TRAINING CENTER IN BOANE JULY 19, ACCOMPANIED BY MINISTER OF DEFENSE CHIPANDE AND MINISTER OF INTERIOR GUEBUZA. IN SPEECH TO TROOPS, MACHEL ATTACKED PORTUGUESE TROOPS FOR DESTROYING PRIOR TO RELINQUISHING BOANE CAMP TO FRELIMO "FAUCETS, KITCHENS, AND VARIOUS INDISPENSABLE ITEMS;" WARNED THAT THERE ARE MANY "INTERNAL ENEMIES TURNED TOWARD THE CAPITALIST PATH, WHO WANT TO UNDERMINE THE UNITED, ORGANIZED ADVANCE" (OF MOZAMBIQUE REVOLUTION) AND, IF NECESSARY, ARMED FORCE WOULD BE USED AGAIN AGAINST "THE NATIONAL REACTIONARIES;" URGED FRELIMO FORCES TO
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BE THE VANGUARDOF THE PEOPLE, FOR "THERE IS NO SOCIALISM WITH

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A REACTIONARY ARMY;" AND REITERATED IN STRONG TERMS THAT THERE WOULD BE NO STRIPES TO DISTINGUISH RANK AMONG THE TROOPS, BECAUSE STRIPES TEND TO DESTROY UNITY.

2. COMMENT: THIS IS THIRD SPEECH IN RECENT WEEKS (SEE REF'S A AND B) IN WHICH MACHEL HAS INTIMATED THE ENEMY IS MAKING INROADS IN THE SECURITY FORCES BY EXPLOITING FRAILTIES OF TROOPS--ISSUE WHICH IS EVIDENTLY OF REAL CONCERN TO HIM. IT IS UNCLEAR WHETHER THREAT TO RESORT TO ARMED FORCE AGAIN IS AIMED ONLY AT DISCOURAGING DISSIDENCE AMONG TROOPS OR MORE GENERALLY AT DEVIATIONS FROM THE FRELIMO LINE EVERWHERE, INCLUDING CIVILIAN FRELIMO PARTY MEMBERS AND LEADERS. DURING PAST FEW WEEKS, NEWS MEDIA HAVE ANNOUNCED PURGES OF "REACTIONARIES" FROM FRELIMO RANKS IN VARIOUS PARTS OF COUNTRY.
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